

## MAY CALENDAR

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

**"SPECIAL MEETING" OF THE TOWN COMMISSION**  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006 AT 7:00 PM,  
IN TOWN HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Education Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
Parks & Recreation Committee..... Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
Planning & Zoning Board ..... Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
Tourist Bureau..... Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Surf-Bal-Bay PAL Pancake Breakfast.....Saturday, May 13, 2006  
Municipal Parking Lot at 94th Street & Harding Avenue, 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Crime Prevention Workshop.....Friday, May 19, 2006, 6:30 pm  
Surfside Community Center Pool, 9301 Collins Avenue

### CERT TRAINING

Wednesday, May 10 and 17, Saturday, May 20 & June 10, 2006  
GRADUATE CERT: Refresher Course.....Saturday, June 10, 2006

Surfside Police Department..... Hurricane Expo.....Saturday, May 27, 2006  
Municipal Parking Lot at 94th Street & Harding Avenue, 9:00 am – Noon

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2006

Town Hall & the Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day  
The Community Center and Pool will be OPEN. Regularly scheduled classes will be held.  
The Tennis Center will be closed, except by pre-arranged lesson appointment.

### UPCOMING

"Movie Under The Stars" ....Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 8:30 pm Surfside Community Center Pool

Please note that all times & dates listed, *except* Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.  
Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or by visiting our Website at  
[www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or by tuning into local Cable Channel 77.

#### TOWN COMMISSION

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MARC IMBERMAN	COMMISSIONER
STEVEN LEVINE	COMMISSIONER
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# Surfside<sup>Town</sup> Gazette

9293 Harding Avenue

Surfside, Florida

May 2006

## FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfside Neighbor,

We now have one meeting under our belt and have made plans to shift the opportunity for all of us to meet at Town Hall into high gear. Effective immediately, for all intents and purposes, we will now "double up" and have Commission meetings twice a month. We will also start one hour earlier, at 7 pm. As I write this letter to you, our IT staff is working to get our new software on line, which will enable us to rebroadcast all of our Town meetings at different times during the day and night. I have asked the Manager to consider

rebroadcasting the Commission meetings, each night at 8 pm, for seven days following each meeting as a matter of policy so that everyone will have a chance to watch and/or record them.

With regard to our first meeting, of all the agenda's that I have seen for a Commission meeting, I have never seen one as long and comprehensive as the one for our first gathering. I would like to commend all the Commissioners and the Vice-Mayor for taking the time to compile such a comprehensive list of critical tasks for us to undertake. Of course, we only made a small dent dur-

ing the marathon four-hour meeting, which ended at midnight. We will however, pick right up where we left off and continue right down the list. For those of you who have the time, I encourage you to visit the Town website, [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov), where I have asked our Manager to make all documents related to our meetings available for your review. I am hopeful that in the very near future, residents, as well as elected officials, will be able to go to the website to download the full Commission package. You will see and

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## \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Lawyers!

### New Mayor Targets Town Attorney, Legal Counsel, in First Official Action

*Surfside, with approximately 20 firms working for the town at any given time, was "a candy store" for lawyers, Burkett said.*

**By Evan Berkowitz**

The new mayor of Surfside and a recently elected reform-minded commission have begun the process of changing the culture of aggressive legal action that has characterized the town's administration for years.

On April 11, at the new office-holders' first meeting since Election Day, Mayor Charles Burkett vented his frustration at not being able to obtain even the most basic rudimentary information about Surfside's litigation. Most of this

rage was focused toward Town Attorney Stephen H. Cypen who, through most of the meeting, sat silently as Burkett and other officials complained he would not release documents they requested.

Burkett's mayoral campaign focused on this issue, with him promising an audit of Surfside's massive legal expenditures, the end of legal attacks on residents and the changing of overly complicated municipal codes. According to Burkett, Surfside has been "a legal killing machine."

Also, during a report from the town's new lobbyist, Burkett stressed the need to repair Surfside's relationships with neighboring cities because "every single one" of them has been involved in law-

suits with the town.

Burkett said the former city attorney of Sunny Isles Beach told him that during her eight years in office her city spent \$500,000 in legal fees. By contrast, Surfside is spending \$80,000 a month on legal bills.

Burkett criticized his town's lack of oversight on the actions of the town attorney and legal matters in general. "We've got policy in this town where the city attorney hires all the attorneys," he noted. He compared Surfside to a corporation with the town manager being the CEO, and the town council being the Board of Directors. He said that in Surfside the manager/CEO does

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## Town Spends \$80,000 a Month on Legal Fees

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not get to even see the legal bills. Burkett also claimed that Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham receives letters from Cypen with a dollar amount and a request for payment. "No comments, no strategy, no checking the bills; that's just the way it is," Burkett said.

The last time the Town Council met to discuss these issues and to get an update on legal cases was approximately a year ago. "The only one making decisions with respect to the disposition, the operation and the strategy since a year ago has been the city attorney," Burkett said.

Burkett said he sent an e-mail to Higginbotham immediately after he got elected mayor. In it, he asked to be provided with basic information on each and every lawsuit and legal action the town has been involved in for the past five years. He wanted a summary, one page in length, explaining to the council what the status or outcome of these cases was. "Did we win, did we lose and how much money did we spend?" said Burkett.

Burkett announced that Cypen thought the summary was not a good idea because it could cost possibly tens of thousands to get this information, since he would have to ask each and every law firm that Surfside retained to provide documents.

Burkett said Cypen then wrote several letters to these law firms asking for a short summary, and costs and fees information. Burkett thought it suspicious that Cypen asked the letters to be addressed to Cypen alone "with no copy to any third party – you wouldn't want any of this stuff slipping out into the public." Cypen's letters to the firms said that since the town already paid them very significant legal fees, it would not pay an additional charge for their compliance with the request. "I've probably

annoyed every single law firm that's ever worked for us," quipped Burkett, who still would have preferred a one-page summary from the Cypen. Burkett said that Cypen should "understand what's been happening in respect to all these cases."

One attorney, Steven Ginsburg, who has acted as the town's "prosecutor" since 1985, stated in a correspondence to Cypen that he sent every document related to cases he worked on for Surfside to Town Hall. Those documents can't be located, Burkett said. (Neither Burkett nor Cypen gave details as to why.)

Ginsburg also stated in his letter to Cypen that since 1997, when he joined Adorno and Yoss, he has handled 81 matters for Surfside. "This is [only] one lawyer in one law firm," said Burkett.

Ginsburg went on to state that many of Surfside's cases were old and closed, but his records did not distinguish between private and public documents, Burkett said. "Here's an attorney saying he's a little bit afraid that I might get a look at these files, in my opinion," said the mayor.

Burkett then pointed to three layers of boxes, approximately 75, that sat in front of the commission dais, which he explained were not actual legal documents, but represented a small fraction of the paperwork and legal fees generated by all the town's litigation. Burkett surmised that every piece of the boxed paper probably cost \$100 and that Surfside, with approximately 20 firms working for the town at any given time, was "a candy store" for lawyers.

Commissioner Mark Blumstein said that he too had made inquiries with Cypen's office about legal fees and liens filed against homeowners, and that he had not received a response either. Cypen claimed he never received this request. Blumstein asked Cypen about his appointment as Town Attorney in 1976, which was through a city resolution. Cypen said he had not been reappointed or re-approved since then.

Blumstein recommended that the town appoint outside counsel to get full and accurate information on all the litigation. Commissioner Howard Weinberg agreed, suggesting that ideally this person should work pro bono or for free. "We here in Surfside, we are the litigation champions of Dade County," said Weinberg. "I don't think it's because we have more bad people than the other communities."

Weinberg said they would be breaching their fiduciary duties by not investigating these matters. He cited events of the last month in which a Miami-Dade County circuit court judge ordered Adorno and Yoss, a firm Weinberg used to work for, to return millions of dollars to the city of Miami. He said that after weeks of testimony the judge found that the firm had acted in its own financial interests and not that of its client. (Weinberg referred to a settlement agreement where only six plaintiffs and Adorno and Yoss received \$7 million in a class action "fire-fee" suit, although some 80,000 property owners were eligible to collect.) Weinberg said Surfside paid \$15,000, or \$650 an hour, to an attorney after the FBI subpoenaed the town. He said he did not understand why previous town leaders spent "our money to run interference against the FBI" instead of simply cooperating with investigators.

The commission decided that Blumstein, a lawyer himself, would search for candidates for a legal investigative position. The commission also decided that future legal guidelines and parameters for the town of Surfside should be discussed. A resolution on the matter will be written and put on a future meeting's agenda.

*This article originally appeared in the SunPost on April 13, 2006. The views and opinions expressed in the rest of this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the SunPost or its editorial staff.*



## SURFSIDE POLICE HOSTS HURRICANE EXPO

On **Saturday, May 27, 2006**, the Surfside Police Department will be hosting a **Hurricane Expo** to prepare residents and business owners for the upcoming storm season. The event will be held between 9:00 am - Noon, in the municipal lot at 94th Street & Harding Avenue. Representatives from the Miami-Dade County Office of

Emergency Management, Miami-Dade Fire Department, FPL, Home Depot, Bell South, and Local Meteorologists will be on hand to answer questions and will be able to discuss precautions we can implement so that we are better able to cope before, during and after a storm. "Smart", essential emergency gadgets, and storm tracking devices will be

demonstrated. The proper storage and use of generators, as well as gas tanks will be reviewed. The Expo is designed to be very interactive. Early and careful emergency planning can help relieve the stresses posed by a storm threat and some of the discomfort often experienced in the aftermath. Learn more; prepare now.

## Surfside Police Participate in "Career Day"

Last month, National Crime Prevention Council "McGruff the Crime Dog" and Surfside Police personnel Lieutenant Rolando Baldomero, Officer Richard Williams, Special Projects Coordinator Wanda Flores, and Public Service Aide Jose Diaz visited Linda Lentin Elementary School in Miami for Career Day, and brought important safety messages to the students. They learned about the role of police officers in the community, what constitutes "Stranger Danger", the importance of reporting bullies, when to

dial 911, how to be more aware of their surroundings, and they were cautioned about being alone on the streets or in bus shelters. These critical warnings can never be repeated often enough and could potentially save a child's life.

Officer Williams demonstrated the Segway Motor Scooter and explained its usefulness as a policing tool. Surfside Police Lieutenant Rolando Baldomero, a Certified Polygraph Examiner, provided a demonstration of the polygraph exam for the students. The children were amazed that the



*"McGruff the Crime Dog" visits area students*

Lieutenant really knew when they were answering questions falsely. Lieutenant Baldomero was able to promote ethical behavior & character building by stressing the importance of children telling their parents, teachers, friends and family the truth!



*The Surfside Police Department invites you to attend a*

**Crime Prevention Workshop**  
**Friday, May 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Guest Speaker:*

**David Tigulla, Head Lifeguard,  
Surfside Community Center Pool**

*AFO Certified-Aquatic Facility Operator, WSI Certified-Water Safety Instructor,  
First Aid & CPR, Certified Lifeguard Trained*

**TOPICS:**

*Beach, Pool & Water Craft Safety*

**LOCATION: Surfside Community Center Pool, 9301 Collins Avenue**

*Bring a friend & you will both receive a complimentary gift, courtesy of the Surfside Police Department  
Light refreshments will be served.*

**Please RSVP: (305) 861-4862 to confirm your attendance**





## SURFSIDE HOSTS POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL) SECOND ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Saturday, May 13, 2006, the Town of Surfside will host the Second Annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) in the municipal parking lot at 94th Street and Harding Avenue, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The event will be held rain or shine. Tickets will be \$5.00 per adult and are available through the three police agencies prior to the event. Please call the following Police Departments to purchase tickets: Surfside 305-861-4862, Bay Harbor Islands 305-866-6242 and Bal Harbour 305-866-5000. Your \$5 ticket/donation qualifies you for entry into a gift raffle. The 2005 inaugural breakfast event raised over \$3,000 and 2006 promises to be even better! All



proceeds will be utilized to fund the numerous PAL activities scheduled throughout the year.

The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League is a non-profit organization, whose crime prevention mission is "Filling Playgrounds, not Prisons". Police officers and volunteers commit to working with area children in a safe environment, to prevent juvenile delinquency. The variety of athletic, recreational and educational programs offered to the children who participate, are designed to strengthen character, promote self-esteem and teach moral values. The Police Athletic/Activities League creates better relations between juveniles and law

enforcement personnel, and fosters the cooperative efforts between the police and the community to prevent juvenile crime and drug use.

The breakfast will include three pancakes, two sausage links, coffee and juice. The event is a cooperative effort between the Tri-Cities, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour and Surfside. All three cities worked together to make the Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League a reality. **The Pancake Breakfast is generously sponsored by Publix Supermarkets and the North Shore Kiwanis.**

Come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast, make new friends and donate to a program that cares about our most precious resource, our children!

## THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MIAMI BEACH FIRE RESCUE OFFER COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

The Surfside Police Department, in conjunction with Miami Beach Fire Rescue, is offering local residents an opportunity to receive free basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills. In the event of a disaster situation, such training improves the ability of citizens to survive in the aftermath of a critical situation and enables them to help their neighbors until other assistance (police & fire personnel) arrives. Once trained, a graduate CERT will be able to provide the following services to their neighborhood:

- Increase the community's disaster readiness
- Assess damage after a disaster
- Extinguish small fires

- Perform light search & rescue operations
- Perform triage and provide medical services to the injured
- Organize procurement of supplies

A minimum of twelve (12) committed community members is necessary in order to conduct this important program (more than 12 are even better). Once training is complete these individuals will serve the immediate residential neighborhood. Twenty hours of training is required for certification. The training will take place Wednesday, May 10 & 17 (6 -10 pm, each night), Saturday May 20 (9 am – 5 pm), and June 10 (9 am – 1 pm, the final test & graduation). **On June 10th there will also be a refresher course offered for those**

**residents who are already CERT graduates.** For training location, registration, or other details, please contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862 ext. 283. Information is also available on the Town Website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov).



## Mayor's Corner

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have exactly the same documentation and backup, which will make it easier for you to follow along and help us make informed decisions.

After conferring with the Manager I am happy to report that the Police Chief has issued a memo to all patrol officers directing them, for the next 30 days, to undertake an intense 24-hour a day speed reduction campaign on Collins and Harding Avenues. In keeping with the new Commission's desire to transform Surfside's image, all speeders will be stopped. They will be advised that Surfside and its new Commission are

making many positive changes and care very much about its residents, especially its elderly and children's safety. They will then be advised that our officers have been given maximum discretion to issue warning notices and that in most cases, today is their "lucky day." We hope all ex-speeders will take into account our Town's desire to protect its residents and drive much more carefully through Surfside and at the correct speed during all future visits. I am sure that this will foster good will and educate those who drive through our Town that Surfside intends to be fair and firm.

Lastly, as I promised, the Gazette will now bring you accurate and detailed information of what's really happening

in our Town. I would have written to you about the results of our last meeting, but after reading the SunPost's account, I felt that it captured the feel of what really happened and have asked them for permission to reprint it in its entirety for your review. Normally I expect that this will not be the case as I am hopeful that our staff writers will capture the happenings, uncolored. But in this case, this article was "right on."

Thank you again for placing your trust in us to move Surfside forward towards the wonderful seaside small Town that we all envision.

All the best,

Charlie



## THE COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

**Commissioner Marc Imberman** is currently overseeing a project to assemble material to create a historical Town Archive, including photos, documents, menus, etc. He would like to ask anyone who has any items from Surfside's past to



share them temporarily. **The plan is not to keep them physically, but to electronically archive or "digitize" the items for viewing access through the Town's website or possibly on the local cable channel 77.** Once the items are digitized they will be returned to their owners.



Plans are also being considered for establishing a physical display, should anyone wish to donate an item permanently. Commissioner Imberman may be contacted at (305) 993-1051 or by e-mail [mimberman@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:mimberman@townofsurfsidefl.gov) to arrange for donations, digitizing or general information.

## SURFSIDERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Town Commission Will Now Meet Twice A Month, at 7:00 p.m.*

On Tuesday, April 11, 2006 the Surfside Town Commission agreed to hold "Special Meetings", to begin at 7:00 p.m., on the 4th Tuesday of each month. These "Special Meetings" will occur,

until further notice, in addition to the regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month which will also begin at 7:00 p.m.

The first Special Meeting took

place Tuesday, April 25th and the next meetings will be held Tuesday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 2nd floor Commission Chambers.



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



The Town Manager reported that Bal Harbour Village is terminating their participation in the tri-community library contract with an effective date of termination being October 1, 2006. The contract between Bal Harbour Village, Bay Harbor Islands, and the Town of Surfside has been in place since October 1, 1980.

The Town Manager also reported that he provided each member of the Commission with a copy of the Conceptual Design Report for the Pedestrian Beach Path. He noted that at the March 14 Commission Meeting he advised the Commission that the next step for the Town was to retain an architectural/engineering consultant to provide professional consulting services, including surveys, coastal permitting, engineering, landscape architecture design, and preparation of construction documents. Hearing no objections, the Town Manager said he would proceed with the preparation of the Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Town Manager announced that the 2006 Governor's Hurricane Conference will be held at the Broward County Convention Center on May 8 through May 12. He suggested that although the conference is geared for Emergency Management and Operation Personnel, some of the Commission may wish to attend due to the close location. He noted a number of workshops and training sessions that may be of interest to the Commissioners.

The Town Manager summarized current on-going principal projects as follows:

- a. A temporary parking facility at 9264 Collins Avenue has been striped and 27 spaces have been added. This lot will be used by Town Employees and citizens visiting the library.

- b. The temporary trailers for the Parks and Recreation Department are in place with electrical hook-up work scheduled for completion by April 21, 2006.

- c. Regarding the internal televising and cleaning of the Town's storm sewer system: Base work was completed on April 7 with over 22,000 cubic feet, or 814 cubic yards, of internal sediments removed from the pipes and structures. The Town Manager noted that the project was budgeted at \$250,000, but that new estimates cost the project at \$220,000 leaving a \$30,000 budget surplus.

- d. The Town Repaving Program: The contractor continues underground work, with segments of pipes with major defects being identified for repair. Three segments are projected to be in need of internal cleaning for calcium deposits or root intrusion. Three more segments are in need of internal lining, as access to the defects with open excavation is not feasible. The estimated budget for the projected number of defective segments needing repair is \$250,000; and based on the contractor's historic performance rate of two repairs or new replacements per day, all underground repairs should be completed by the 21st of April. Paving operations are scheduled to resume on Monday, April 17 with a 40 day estimated completion time.

- e. Master planning is being done for the water and storm sewer systems.

- f. A storm sewer pump station and deep well disposal is being designed for the southwest corner of the Abbott parking lot.

The Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget amount is \$150,000. This station is intended to mitigate chronic flooding at the intersection of Abbott Avenue and 95th Street and within the parking lot.

- g. The design for the reconstruction of the Town's two sanitary pump stations is underway with a scheduled contract date of fall 2006. The work will include new submersible triplex stations with emergency stand-by generators. The County's recent General Obligation Bond issue will fund the construction of these stations.

The Town Manager announced that he will be scheduling workshops over the next few months, which will include the following:

- a. Budget session of about 2 hours to get policy direction from the Commission on issues and/or projects to be addressed in the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget. He noted that he prefers to seek direction from the Commission earlier in the year than has occurred in the past.

- b. Separate session with the Town Engineer to discuss the Town's sanitary sewer infrastructure need. This could be incorporated with the budget workshop since future funding capital projects would be discussed.

- c. FDOT presentation of their proposal on how they propose to address the chronic flooding problems along A1A. The Town of Surfside has been requesting that FDOT address the flooding problems since early 1982.



## SURFSIDE POLICE TRAFFIC SAFETY MOTORMAN ORLANDO LASO RECEIVES "OFFICER OF THE MONTH" AWARD



*(R-L) Surfside Police Chief **Shawn P. O'Reilly** presents Traffic Safety Unit Motorman **Orlando Laso** with the "Officer of the Month" Award*

On March 19, 2006, Officer Orlando Laso observed a vehicle traveling through Surfside and failing to comply with numerous traffic laws. Officer Laso and his trainee Officer Giranny Fernandez, initiated a traffic stop in the

200 Block of 91 Street. Officer Laso immediately noticed that the front seat passenger was acting suspicious and making overt movements. Officer Laso directed his trainee to closely watch the driver and he concentrated on the suspicious passenger. The passenger threw a black bag from the vehicle. Officer Laso maintained a visual on the bag and temporarily detained the passenger to ensure the safety of himself and his trainee.

Once the black bag was recovered the officers discovered over 200 ecstasy pills that were pre-packaged for immediate sale and distribution. Further inspection of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of Marijuana, Xanax, Cocaine,

miscellaneous drug paraphernalia and \$5900.00 in U.S. currency.

A subsequent investigation by Narcotics Detectives established that the two subjects were headed to South Beach and that the narcotics were intended for sale and distribution. The passenger, with an extensive narcotics and violence against law enforcement officers past, was taken into custody along with the driver of the vehicle, without further incident.

Officer Laso was recognized for his outstanding attention to duty and his keen awareness. His actions led to a substantial drug seizure and the arrest of two dangerous felons.

## The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League held a "PAL Day" on Sunday, April 2 at Bay Harbor Elementary

The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League held a "PAL Day" on Sunday, April 2 at Bay Harbor Elementary. Young people from the surrounding area participated in a terrific afternoon event which featured a rock climbing wall, bounce house, dunk



*Surfside Traffic Safety Officer **Woodward "Woody" Brooks** awaits his next "dunking", while Miami Beach Police Officer and PAL rep. **Tony Loperfido** assists the kids with their aim.*

tank, pizza and other treats. Bay Harbor Police Sergeant Joe Locke and Surfside Police Traffic Safety Unit Officer Woodward "Woody" Brooks bravely volunteered to be the dunk tank "victims" for the kids and their parents. The Nautilus Middle School Band provided great entertainment and students who participate in the Miami Beach Police Explorers program assisted local officers to run the event and served as role models for the younger aged children. The casual, fun atmosphere of



*Surfside Police Motorman **Laso** with PAL Day Friend*



the day enhances police/community relations and supports positive interaction between law enforcement personnel and area youth. **The Surf-Bal-Bay PAL invites you to attend their 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Please call 305-861-4862 for further details.**





## MAY GAME ROOM HOURS:

Hours of Operation are subject to change.

Monday - Friday  
Saturday and Sunday

2:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
10:00 am - 6:30 pm



## SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below. However, the tennis courts are open anytime *by pre-arranged appointments*. For more information, please call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176.

Monday through Friday  
Saturday & Sunday

3:30 - 10:00 pm  
Opened to lesson appointments

**Closed Monday, May 29 • Except by lesson appointment**

### Tennis Classes

Wednesday	<b>Ages: 4 - 6 (Tiny Tot)</b>	<b>May 3 - May 31</b>	<b>7:30 - 8:30 pm</b>
Thursday	<b>Ages: 9 &amp; 10 (Junior)</b>	<b>May 4 - May 25</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 pm</b>

Fee: \$15 per 1 class; \$54 per 4 classes. Limit 4 students per class. Reservation required.

### Adult Tennis "Get Together"

(Round About Game Play)

Monday	<b>Adults</b>	<b>May 1 - May 29</b>	<b>7:30 - 9:30 pm</b>
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Fee: \$10 per person; per 5 classes. Pre-paid reservations required. Limit 12 students per class.

*Mother's Day Gift Certificates are available.*

50% off of one Tennis Lesson or 50% off of a Tennis Program.

**Gift Certificates may be purchased through May 14, 2006.**

They are valid for six months from date of purchase.

**LOVE, DEUCE**  **SERVE & VOLLEY**  **RUSH, NET**  **GAME, SET, MATCH**



## TOWN OF SURFSIDE WATER CONSUMER

Town of Surfside is committed to provide its customers with high quality drinking water.

The drinking water in the Town of Surfside is purchased directly from Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD).

We are pleased to report that our

drinking water supplied by WASD is safe and has met all federal, state and local standards for drinking water for the calendar year 2005. This information was obtained from the WASD report.

The Town of Surfside routinely monitors for lead, copper and coliform bacteria in your drinking water, in accor-

dance with EPA Federal Regulations.

The data presented in the table below shows the results for the most recent monitoring period, in accordance with the regulations.



Contaminant	Federal MCL	Federal Goal	State MCL	Violations Y=Yes N=No	Year Tested	Level Detected	Major Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	5%	0	1*	N	2005	Presence of Coliform bacteria in one samples one month	Naturally present in the environments
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	AL=15	N	2003	0 homes out of 22 (0%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0	AL=1.3	N	2003	0 homes out of 22 (0%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system

\* Highest monthly number of positive Total Coliform Bacteria

There are no detectable Levels of Lead in our water system. Our system has not exceeded the lead and copper action levels during monitoring periods within the last three consecutive years.

*Lead can pose a significant risk to your health. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes because of your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water.*

You may contact the Town of Surfside Water & Sewer Department at 305-861-4863 or visit our web site at [TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV](http://TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV).

Additional information is available from Miami DadeCounty:

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or visit their web site at [WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV](http://WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV), click the link "Find a department," and click on "Water and Sewer Department"

## HECTOR PEREZ AWARDED SURFSIDE "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH"

Mayor Charles Burkett proclaimed Tuesday, April 11, 2006 as Hector Perez Day in the Town of Surfside, in recognition of Hector being selected as Employee of the Month for April 2006. A well-known figure at community events, Hector's warm smile, sense of

humor and genuine affection for Surfside residents and his fellow employees makes him special to everyone. As "Employee of the Month" Hector was acknowledged for his exemplary service and dedication to the Town of Surfside.



*"Employee of the Month" Hector Perez (3rd from right) receives award from Town Commission.*

## SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

**Storytime:** May 9, 2006, 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., ages 4 and under. The Library is closed to the general public at this time, so be sure to knock on the Library door to gain entrance. *For your reading pleasure...*



### Adult Books:

- Creating Your Dream Kitchen: How to Plan and Style the Perfect Kitchen *by Susan Breen*
- Front Row Anna Wintour: The Cool Life and Hot Times of Vogue's Editor in Chief *by Jerry Oppenheimer*
- Tomb of the Golden Bird *by Elizabeth Peters* (continuation of the Amelia Peabody adventures and mysteries)
- Case of Lies *by Perri O'Shaughnessy* (legal suspense)
- The Da Vinci Code *by Dan Brown*



### Children's Books:

- Lilly's Big Day *by Kevin Henkes* (Lilly's teacher, Mr. Singer, is getting married. You are invited to attend)
- Once Upon a Blue Moose *by Daniel Pinkwater*
- Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole *by Wong Herbert Yee* (being neighbors and friends)

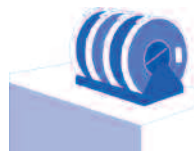
### VHS and DVD

#### Adult

- An Unfinished Life • The Greatest Game Ever Played (golf)

#### Children

- Dora's First Trip • Wiggle's Safari



**The Library will be closed Monday, May 29, 2006 in observance of Memorial Day**

### SUMMER HOURS FOR THE SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

**EFFECTIVE: Monday, May 27 through Saturday, August 12**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00 - 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>		



## THE TOURIST BUREAU



The Tourist Bureau is pleased to introduce its first full color edition of the Surfside Business Directory. This handy brochure is produced for your convenience and is available at Town

Hall, through the Tourist Bureau at 9301 Collins Avenue, and at area hotels. It is also available on the Town Website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov). The Surfside business community prides

itself on being there for all of our needs. Residents and tourists are encouraged to patronize the local shops, restaurants and services.



## "Learn To Swim Program"

### Registration in Progress

Fees for Weekdays – Resident \$20 / Non-Resident \$40    Fees for Weekends – Resident \$20 / Non-Resident \$40

#### **Toddler Water Readiness: Ages: 1 1/2 - 2 1/2**

Young Children will develop a high comfort level in and around the water as well as readiness to learn how to swim.

Tuesday & Thursday (Session II)	<b>June 6 - June 29</b>	<b>10:00 - 10:30 am</b>
Tuesday & Thursday (Session III)	<b>July 6 - July 28</b>	<b>10:00 - 10:30 am</b>
<b>No Class July 4 - Independence Day</b>		



Saturday & Sunday (Session I)	<b>May 6 - May 28</b>	<b>9:10 - 9:40 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session II)	<b>June 3 - June 25</b>	<b>9:10 - 9:40 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session III)	<b>July 8 - July 30</b>	<b>9:10 - 9:40 am</b>

#### **Preschool Swim Lessons: Ages: 3 - 5**

Preschool age children will learn water adjustment, how to breathe properly, floating, and basic arm and leg movements.

Tuesday & Thursday (Session I)	<b>May 2 - May 25</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:15 pm</b>
Tuesday & Thursday (Session II)	<b>June 6 - June 29</b>	<b>10:35 - 11:05 am</b>
Tuesday & Thursday (Session III)	<b>July 6 - July 28</b>	<b>10:35 - 11:05 am</b>
<b>No Class July 4 - Independence Day</b>		



Saturday & Sunday (Session I)	<b>May 6 - May 28</b>	<b>9:45 - 10:15 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session II)	<b>June 3 - June 25</b>	<b>9:45 - 10:15 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session III)	<b>July 8 - July 30</b>	<b>9:45 - 10:15 am</b>

#### **Beginner Swim Lessons: Ages: 6 - 12**

Learn the basic principles of swimming. Personal safety is stressed throughout the course.

Tuesday & Thursday (Session I)	<b>May 2 - May 25</b>	<b>4:20 - 5:50 pm</b>
Tuesday & Thursday (Session II)	<b>June 6 - June 29</b>	<b>11:10 - 11:40 am</b>
Tuesday & Thursday (Session III)	<b>July 6 - July 28</b>	<b>11:10 - 11:40 am</b>

Saturday & Sunday (Session I)	<b>May 6 - May 28</b>	<b>10:20 - 10:50 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session II)	<b>June 3 - June 25</b>	<b>10:20 - 10:50 am</b>
Saturday & Sunday (Session III)	<b>July 8 - July 30</b>	<b>10:20 - 10:50 am</b>



## Surfside Community Center Pool Hours

Spring April 4 – May 31



Monday – Friday	Lap Swimming (ONLY)	7:45 am – 9:00 am
	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am – 6:45 pm



## Surfside Community Center Youth Classes and Programs

### ***Theatrical Dance Class:***

***Resident \$75 / Non-Resident \$125 (per child 5 weeks = 5 classes)***

This class will teach children the beginning stages of musical theatre. There are three aspects of musical theatre that they will learn which is called triple threat. This includes learning how to act, sing, and dance. This class will also help with your child's self esteem and speaking in public. We will be working on different musicals that everyone knows and the children will love to perform.

Saturday

**April 22 - May 27**

**Ages: 8 - 16**

**(No Class May 13)**

**10:30 am - Noon**



### ***Gymnastics:***

***Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)***

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Wednesday (Session I)

**April 19 - May 24**

**Ages: 3 - 5**

**4:00 - 4:55 pm**

**Ages: 6 - 10**

**5:00 - 5:55 pm**



Thursday (Session I)

**April 20 - May 25**

**Ages: 3 - 5**

**4:00 - 4:55 pm**

**Ages: 6 - 10**

**5:00 - 5:55 pm**

### ***Acrobatics and Tumbling:***

***Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)***

Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Wednesday ( Session I)

**April 19 - May 24**

**Ages: 8 - up**

**6:00 - 6:55 pm**



### ***Hip Hop Jazz Dance:***

***(Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)***

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Thursday ( Session I)

**April 20 - May 25**

**Ages: 8 - 16**

**6:15 - 7:10 pm**

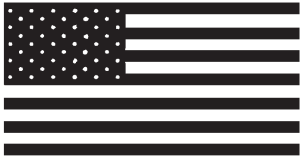


## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Novack Park was the place to be on Sunday April 2, 2006. The Parks and Recreation Department held its **2nd Annual Spring Egg Hunt**. Participants, young and old, enjoyed the hunt for eggs, interactive games, arts and crafts, snow cones and cotton candy. It was a great time!







## Memorial Day Ceremonies

Monday, May 29, 2006  
10:00 am  
Veterans Park  
8791 Collins Avenue



The Town of Surfside will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony. The event will include Presentation of Colors, Local Boy and Girl Scout troops, as well as Special Guests. Light Refreshments will be served.



## Summer Camp 2006: May 30 - July 21 and Extended Camp 2006: July 24 - August 4

All children 6 - 12 years of age are welcome!

**Registration is in progress!**

**Summer Camp Fees:** Resident \$350 / Non-Resident \$650

**Extended Camp Fees:** Resident \$85 / Non-Resident \$125



**For further information please contact the Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635**



## Senior Program Every Wednesday, In the Lanai Room 10:00 am - Noon



The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Join us for dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more! Activities are free. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



## "Upcoming Events"

**Movies Under The Stars – Saturday, June 24th at 8:30 pm, Community Center Pool**



**Fourth of July Celebration**

**End of Summer LUAU in August**



## May Programs

### Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

#### **Water Aerobics for Adults 55 and over:**

**Resident \$10 / Non-Resident \$20 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Aerobic water workouts incorporate a variety of rhythmic body movements and dance steps performed in the water. The participant learns to combine arm and leg movements in varying combinations. The main purpose of water aerobics is to improve cardiovascular conditioning.

Wednesday **TBA** **10:30 - 11:30 am**



#### **Yoga for Surfside Residents 55 and over:**

**Surfside Residents Free!**

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefits your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition

Thursday **Ongoing** **10:00 - 11:00 am**



#### **Yogalates:**

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Thursday **April 6 - May 25** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**June 1 - July 20** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**

#### **Yoga:**

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefits your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Monday **April 3 - May 22** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**May 29 - July 17** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**



#### **Pilates:**

**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Tuesday **April 4 - May 23** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**May 30 - July 25** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**No Class July 4 - Independence Day**

Wednesday **April 5 - May 24** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**May 31 - July 19** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

